--- 5 Pounds - "Series of 1883"- SNUFF - BLACK - 5th BABN Contract of April 23rd 1892 ---

--- inscribed OVER *40%* / MOISTURE - *lithographed* on vertical mesh wove - design 452 x 19 mm. ---

--- RS-32(L) CP - *coarse roulette* - with 5 mm. blue controls - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- three beavers with foliage - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters ---

Separate taxation of snuff was initiated by the Budget of **1883** - 8¢ per pound for "over 40% moisture"
12¢ per pound for "not more than 40% moisture"

The catalogue lists the lithographed "Series of 1883" 5 pounds, black, "Over 40% Moisture" snuff strip as follows:

RS-30(L)† - 5 pounds, black, perforated 12, on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls
RS-32(L) - 5 pounds, black, *coarse roulette*, on vertical mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls

The collection ***does not contain*** an example of **RS-30(L)** printed under the **4th BABN Contract**, which should have 4 mm. control numbering - **WANTED!**

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) — John McKay records 75,605 *lithographed* copies of "SNUFF, 5 lbs. Black Over 40% moisture" as delivered. These are **RS-30(L)**.

5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) — John McKay records 50,095 *lithographed* copies of "5 lbs. Black Snuff" as delivered. Judging by the extant control numbers, these are the 5 mm. **RS-32(L)a** from the Ottawa plant.

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)	75,605 lithographed	**000001** to **075605**
5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)	50,095 lithographed	**075606** to **125700**

--- Over 40% Moisture ---

★RS-32(L) CP - 5 pounds, black, coarse roulette, with 5 mm. blue control **075610**, lithographed on vertical mesh wove - with three beavers and overhanging foliage, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic - suspect

075610★	RS-32(L) CP	5 pounds, coarse roulette, lithographed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic - suspect
075618	RS-32(L) CP	5 pounds, coarse roulette, lithographed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic - suspect

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--- 5 Pounds - “Series of 1883”- SNUFF - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract of October 22nd 1886 ---

--- RS-32 PuP - an imperforate paste-up proof - inscribed with OVER *40%* / MOISTURE ---

--- *recess printed* on bond paper - three beavers with foliage design - 452 x 19 mm. - scanned at 35% scale ---

The collection also contains two copies of the following three-piece black *paste-up* plate proof, *recess printed* on white bond paper, plus copies of these three strips, pre-clipped (prepared for paste-up), shown at 80% scale.

★**RS-32 PuP** - 5 pounds, black, a three-piece plate proof, recess printed on white bond paper

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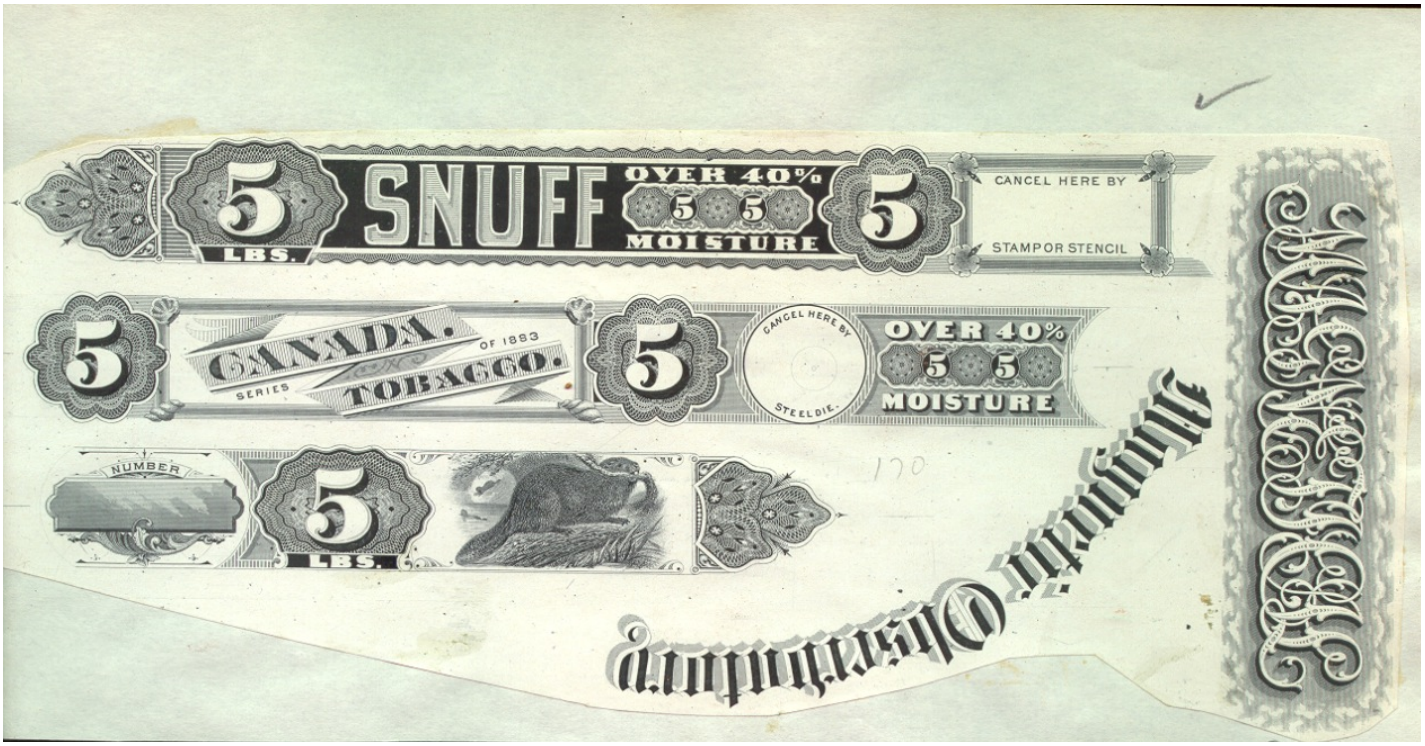
It is interesting to note that the top copy of the proof, as illustrated above, has a section of the “MAGNETIC” border on the right end. These three clipped proofs must have been taken from another copy of the following composite proof.

--- RS-32 DP - Transfer Roll Die Proofs for 5 Pounds of Over 40% Moisture Snuff ---

--- recess printed in black ink - scanned at 75% scale ---



★The above exhibits the transfer roll proofs for **RS-32 DP** - the "Series of 1883", five pound snuff strip, for product with "Over 40% Moisture". The center section of these *prepared for paste-up* proofs contains an off-center *bulls-eye within a circle* in the cancellation panel. It is interesting to note that the top copy of the proof, as illustrated on the preceding page, has a section of the "MAGNETIC" border on the right tab - these preceding three clipped proofs must have been taken from a second copy of the above composite proof.

The additional engravings, for the "**Magnetic Observatory**" are probably for a government masthead - the vertical example seems to read "**MAGNETICAL**". The hard white proof paper shows a subdued glossy finish.

The preceding transfer roll die proofs (obviously prepared for paste-up) were obtained many years prior to the acquisition of this "Magnetic Observatory" proof plate. They form an interesting parallel.

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